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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention --

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--DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--

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--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

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--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel now pending claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer and substitute new claims 22-47 therefor as follows:

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 22. (New) A dialysis machine comprising:

a filter having a blood compartment and a dialysis liquid compartment separated by a semi-permeable membrane;

an extracorporeal blood circuit having an arterial pipe connected to an inlet of the blood compartment and a venous pipe connected to an outlet of the blood compartment;

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